

METAL PRICES

New York, Feb. 24.—Silver, 77.38c; lead, \$10.62; spelter, \$10.50@10.87.5; copper, \$31.00@35.00.

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THE WEATHER:
UTAH—Unsettled with rain or snow tonight or Sunday; colder Sunday; occasional high winds.

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Break Between Holland and Germany Imminent and Quick Action Forecast

Tremendous Destruction of Neutral Shipping Brings on Most Acute Situation

Startling U-Boat Operations of Past Two Days Arouses Wave of Indignation Hard for Netherlands Government to Withstand—Unarmed Vessels Sunk by Torpedoes, Bombs and Shell Fire.

Washington, Feb. 24.—The tremendous destruction of Dutch shipping during the last two days is regarded here as the most acute phase of the international situation.

It is regarded even as bringing nearer the probability of a break in diplomatic relations between the Netherlands and Germany. So far Holland has only made protests against destruction of her neutral ships by German submarines, but the startling operations reported yesterday and today are expected to arouse a wave of popular indignation in the Netherlands which that government may find difficult to withstand, even should it desire to do so.

The situation of Holland in relation to Germany as it is observed from Washington is growing more and more difficult. Officials and diplomats here will be surprised, if the government does not take some action.

Unarmed Vessels Sunk—Americans Aboard.

Sinking of two more vessels by German submarines, both with an American sailor on board was reported to the state department today by American consuls. In both cases the vessels were warned and the two Americans landed safely. The vessels sunk were the Norwegian steamer Skrim and the Norwegian bark Blenheim.

Consul Osborn at Havre said the Skrim was sunk by bombs planted in the ship after warning had been given. The Skrim was unarmed, in ballast and bound from Trepport to Cardiff, 20 miles from Trepport. She was sunk on February 19. The crew, fourteen in number, included Louis Pinto, a Porto Rican. They were rescued after 20 hours in small boats.

Sunk by Shell Fire.

The bark Blenheim, according to Consul Frost at Queenstown, was sunk by shell fire after its crew had abandoned the ship and without injury to any of the ship's personnel.

The Blenheim was of 1029 tons and sailed from Pensacola January 19 for Greenock. She was sunk February 22, thirty miles south-southwest from Fastnet, Ireland.

Captain Signals Submission.

Consul Frost said the master signalled submission immediately after the first shot was fired by the submarine and was accorded consideration. The submarine towed the lifeboats until a British naval vessel appeared. The crew was landed at Baltimore, Ireland, at 8:30 p. m. the same day without incident.

The sole American on board was Solomon Troiche, born in Porto Rico, whose parents reside at 1255 Montgomery street, San Francisco.

The Blenheim was unarmed and without wireless.

New York, Feb. 24.—The Finland is the third American passenger liner to leave England since the proclamation of German's new submarine warfare. The others were the New York and Philadelphia. With the Finland's arrival, the entire fleet of the American Line steamships, six in all will be assembled in this port for the first time since the Spanish-American war.

The Finland carries 67 first cabin passengers, 47 second and 52 third. The majority of them are believed to be Americans, although the American Line had no definite figures.

SERIOUS TROUBLE AMONG GREEKS

Hunger, Discontent, Deaths From Disease, Exposure and Privations Under German Detention.

London, Feb. 24.—According to advices received by the Greek authorities here, there has been serious trouble among the 8000 Greek troops who surrendered to the Bulgarian German forces at Kavala and who are now interned at Goritz.

Hunger and discontent over the failure of the German authorities to keep repeated promises of repatriation are said to have led to frequent mutinies and a large number of deaths from disease, exposure and privation are also reported.

German and Bulgarian troops invaded Greek Macedonia in August, 1916, and advanced to the Greek port of

CANADIANS MAY SEIZE VON IGEL



Wolf von Igel.

Wolf von Igel, one of the passengers on the Frederick VIII, may not be permitted to return to Germany with the Bernstein party, according to reports from Halifax, where the Danish vessel is now being inspected by the authorities.

January 30 on a voyage from Amsterdam to New York.

Jacatra sailed from New York on January 25 for Rotterdam. The Mendon and Bandoeng sailed between Holland and the Dutch East Indies. The last report of the Mendon was on January 24, when she arrived at Suez on her way from Batavia to Rotterdam. The Bandoeng sailed from Port Said January 16, on a voyage from Batavia to Rotterdam.

About noon the officers and crews of the seven Dutch ships which had been torpedoed by German submarines were marshalled at the Dutch consulate, where they filled every available inch of space for a conference with H. S. J. Maas, the consul general of the Netherlands, which lasted for several hours. The officers made affidavits as to the circumstances of the sinking of their boats while full versions given by the members of the crews were taken by a squad of Dutch stenographers.

Consul General Maas said: "The Dutch government has instructed the officers and crews of these ships not to say anything for publication. I regret I cannot give out details of the sinkings, having myself received similar instructions."

It was noticed there were many negroes from the West Indies among the crews.

Valuable Cargoes Lost.

New York, Feb. 24.—The destruction of Dutch ships by German submarines, as reported from London, involves the loss of vessels and cargoes valued at \$11,600,000, according to estimates made here today by agents of the lines owning the seven ships sunk.

Route of Vessels.

New York, Feb. 24.—The steamship Zaandijk was owned by the Holland-American Line. According to William Van Dorn, the line's agent here, the vessel was en route from Rotterdam to New York in ballast. She had put in at Falmouth for examination. The Noorddijk, also a Holland-American liner, carrying a cargo of grain from New York to Rotterdam had put in at Falmouth and was sunk between Falmouth and Rotterdam. The grain was intended for the Dutch government.

After Grain for Holland.

The Eemland was owned by the Royal Dutch Lloyd's. She was coming from Rotterdam in ballast for New York and had called at Falmouth. Like the Zaandijk the Eemland was coming here to take on grain consigned to the Dutch government.

The Jacatra owned by the Rotterdam Lloyd's left New York January 26 with grain for the Dutch government. She had put in at Kirkwall.

The Mendon, also owned by the Rotterdam Lloyd's, was believed to be on her way to the United States from Rotterdam to get grain. Apparently most of these vessels were in Kirkwall or Falmouth during the early days of the period of Germany's un-

restricted submarine warfare.

Government Grain Cargo.

Of more than a year all ships flying the flag of Holland have been filling from 60 to 80 percent of their cargo space with grain. This space was commandeered and the grain was all consigned to the Netherlands government.

None of the ships reported sunk carried passengers.

Sunk Without Warning.

Destruction of the Norwegian steamer Alice without warning by an "enemy submarine" was reported to the state department today by Consul Osborn at Havre. The ship was unarmed, without passengers and engaged in coal traffic with Port Albert and Trepport.

The nationality of the submarine, the consul said, was unknown. It fired more than 20 shots, imperilling the lives of the crew of fourteen men, including one American, Theodore Joseph, a negro.

After the crew had abandoned the ship it was sunk by bombs.

FOOD CENSUS TO BE TAKEN

Chicago Police Acting Under "Forestalling Ordinance" Which Forbids Storing of Foods.

Chicago, Feb. 24.—A food census of Chicago was started today by the police department, acting under the "forestalling ordinance," which forbids the storing of food in warehouses for the purpose of keeping it off the market and thus raising the price to the consumer.

The federal authorities also continued an investigation into the food situation, United States District Attorney Charles F. Clyne making the announcement that agents of the department of justice are seeking evidence on which grand jury indictments will be brought if conspiracies to "corner" food supplies are found.

The car shortage situation had not improved in this city, at least as far as concerned grain shipments. One large grain elevator closed in South Chicago yesterday because of lack of cars and it was said four elevators of a large grain house probably would shut down during the day.

GERARD WILL BE GUEST OF KING

Madrid, via Paris, Feb. 24, 3:30 a. m.—James W. Gerard, former United States ambassador to Germany, will be received by King Alfonso today and later will be the guest at a luncheon at the American embassy, at which Sir Arthur Henry Hardinge, British ambassador to Spain, will be present. Mr. Gerard will leave tomorrow night for Coruna, where he will embark for America.

CHRISTENSON HAS ISSUED CHALLENGE

(Special to The Standard)

Boise, Idaho, Feb. 23.—The champion "bull-dogger" of the world, Frank McCarroll, proved no match for Harold Christenson, who defeated him here tonight in two straight falls. "Chris" won both falls with body-scissors holds, the first in sixteen and the second in twelve minutes. He now issues a challenge to all comers, regardless of weight.

FIVE MILLION MEN FOR BRITISH ARMY

London, Feb. 24, 10:43 a. m.—The army estimate issued today provides for an army of 5,000,000 men, exclusive of India.

An additional navy estimate calls for 50,000 officers and men, bringing the total of the navy personnel to 450,000.

Union printers at Youngstown, Ohio, have secured an increase of 50 cents a day.

An electric light that an Ohioan has invented to illuminate the keyhole in a door is operated by a push button on the door knob.

MR. AND MRS. GERARD WILL RETURN TO NATIVE LAND SOON ON SPANISH LINER



Mr. and Mrs. James W. Gerard and liner Infanta Isabel.

It is reported that James W. Gerard, former ambassador to Germany, and his wife will sail for the United States on the Spanish liner Infanta Isabel, February 27. Since leaving Germany the Gerards have spent most of their time in France.

RELIEF FOR THE POOR IN SIGHT

New York City Government and Wealthy Citizens Take Action in Food Crisis.

BUY IMMENSE AMOUNTS

Plan Made to Buy Fifteen Million Pounds of Rice for Immediate Delivery.

New York, Feb. 24.—Relief is now in sight for the poor of New York City, who have been suffering from the high price of food. Spurred by riots, boycotts and mass appeals, the city government and wealthy citizens have taken action designed not only to ease the present situation but provide for the future. The most definite measure is the purchase of a large quantity of food which will be brought here for distribution at the lowest possible price.

George W. Perkins, chairman of the mayor's committee on food supply, announced that a campaign had begun to popularize rice as a substitute for more costly foods. To keep down the price of rice the committee has bought 4,000,000 pounds. The fact that plans are laid to buy rice in immense quantities became known today through receipt of information from Woodland, Cal., that Mr. Perkins had telegraphed the county board of trade there asking terms for immediate shipment to New York of 15,000,000 pounds.

GERMAN RAIDERS IN INDIAN OCEAN

Two Converted Cruisers, Attacking Commerce, Sink Two British Steamers Near Colombo.

Tokio, Feb. 24.—The Nichi Nichi announces that an armed merchantman is raiding commerce in the Indian ocean and has sunk two British steamers southwest of Colombo.

A mail dispatch to the Associated Press from Tokio, under date of January 10, said that persistent rumors posed.

On one side of a new hot water bag is a pocket into which a pad can be inserted and moistened to form a hot compress.

Carload of Fish.

The mayor's committee has purchased also a carload of smelts on the Pacific coast which will be used to force down prices in the local markets. Funds for these purchases were guaranteed by members of the committee, all local men.

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TROOP SHIP SUNK

Italian Transport Minas, Carrying 1000 Soldiers, Sent Down—All But Two Perish.

Berlin, Friday, Feb. 23. (Wireless to Sayville.)—The admiralty announced today that the Italian transport Minas, carrying 1000 soldiers to Saloniki, has been sunk and that all on board except two men perished.

The announcement follows:

"A German submarine on February 17 sank by a torpedo in the Mediterranean the Italian transport steamer Minas, 2854 tons. The steamer was bound to Saloniki. She carried 1000 troops, a large quantity of ammunition and 2,000,000 marks worth of gold."

"The steamer's crew and the troops on board perished, with the exception of two men who were rescued by the submarine."

"The destruction of the Minas was reported previously, but only now have the details become known."

The sinking of the Minas was announced officially in Paris on Wednesday.

were aloft in Japan that two German converted cruisers had appeared in the Indian ocean. The dispatch stated that the Japanese navy department had detailed several warships for patrol duty in the neighborhood of Singapore, Panang and other ports on Indian ocean routes.

Since the destruction of the cruiser Emden, in the Cocos islands by the Australian cruiser Sydney in November, 1914, the waters of the far East have been undisturbed by German commerce raiders.

FAIR WEATHER BEGINS TUESDAY

Washington, Feb. 24.—Weather predictions for the week beginning Sunday, announced by the weather bureau today follow:

Rocky mountain and plateau regions—snow or rain probable at the beginning of the week over the northern and central parts, followed by generally fair after Tuesday, generally fair in Arizona and New Mexico. Colder first half of the week and warmer after Wednesday.

Pacific States—General rains are probable in Washington and Oregon and rains at the beginning of the week in California will be followed by fair weather after Monday. Temperature near normal.

German inventors have brought out an automobile which travels on three sets of movable runners instead of wheels.

A Texan is the patentee of a new harness to hold a rod for a fisherman and leave his hands free for other purposes.